

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 92-1 As Amended

Introduced by Council Member Parrott

Legislative Day No. 92-1 Date January 7, 1992

**AN EMERGENCY ACT** to add Subsections C(11), (12) and (13) to Section 256-30, Method of Assessment, and to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Subsection D of Section 256-30, Method of Assessment, of Article I, General Provisions, of Chapter 256, Water and Sewers, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to exempt certain property owned or leased by volunteer fire and ambulance companies from ~~front-foot~~ certain assessments for water and sewer facilities, under certain conditions; ~~to make this Act an emergency Act;~~ and generally relating to water and sewer.

By the Council, January 7, 1992

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: February 4, 1992

at: 6:45 P.M.

By Order: Doris Poulsen, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on February 4, 1992, and concluded on, February 4, 1992

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford  
2 County, Maryland, That Subsections C(11), (12) and (13) be, and  
3 they are hereby, added to Section 256-30, Method of Assessment, and  
4 Subsection D of Section 256-30, Method of Assessment, be, and it  
5 is hereby, repealed and reenacted with amendments, all of Article  
6 I, General Provisions, of Chapter 256, Water and Sewers, ~~all~~ of the  
7 Harford County Code, as amended, and all to read as follows:

8 Chapter 256. Water and Sewers.

9 Article I. General Provisions.

10 Section 256-30. Method of Assessment.

11 C. Front-foot benefit assessments. Except as provided for  
12 below, front-foot benefit assessments shall be based for each class  
13 of property upon the number of front feet abutting upon the  
14 highway, street, lane, road, alley or right-of-way in which the  
15 water, sewer or drainage pipe is placed.

16 (11) ~~IF THE PROPERTY THAT IS THE SITE OF A FIRE STATION OR~~  
17 ~~SUBSTATION, THE FIRST 150 FEET OF FRONTAGE OF A PROPERTY AND IS~~  
18 OWNED BY A VOLUNTEER FIRE OR AMBULANCE COMPANY IS EXEMPT FROM A  
19 FRONT-FOOT ASSESSMENT.

20 (12) ~~IF THE PROPERTY THAT IS THE SITE OF A FIRE STATION OR~~  
21 ~~SUBSTATION, THE FIRST 150 FEET OF FRONTAGE OF A PROPERTY AND IS~~  
22 LEASED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BY A VOLUNTEER FIRE OR AMBULANCE  
23 COMPANY IS EXEMPT FROM A FRONT-FOOT ASSESSMENT.

24 (13) ~~IF THE PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED AS THE SITE OF A~~  
25 FUTURE FIRE STATION OR SUBSTATION BY THE HARFORD COUNTY FIRE  
26 CHIEFS<sup>1</sup> AND AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, THE FIRST 150 FEET OF FRONTAGE  
27 OF A PROPERTY ASSOCIATION AND IS OWNED BY A VOLUNTEER FIRE OR

1 AMBULANCE COMPANY IS EXEMPT FROM A FRONT-FOOT ASSESSMENT.

2 D. Equal benefit assessments. An equal benefit assessment  
3 may be levied on each of the properties benefited by a purchase or  
4 project or the establishment or construction of a water-supply,  
5 sewerage or drainage facility in an equal amount, or the assessment  
6 may be calculated on a square footage ratio of each property to the  
7 total square footage of all properties being assessed, if a square  
8 footage ratio would be more equitable. The assessments shall be  
9 in whatever amount is required to pay the total cost of the  
10 purchase, project, establishment, or construction. The word  
11 "property" means all of that land area in common ownership enclosed  
12 within the boundaries of contiguous parcels to which one (1)  
13 service connection has been provided. Should any property owner  
14 divide [his] A property, the same assessment shall be imposed on  
15 the new property as on the other properties, except as otherwise  
16 provided [for above] IN THIS SECTION. EQUAL BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS  
17 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY  
18 AND WILL BE PAID TO THE WATER AND SEWER FUND OUT OF THE GENERAL  
19 FUND, AND SHALL NOT BE CHARGED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER:

20 (1) PROPERTY THAT IS THE SITE OF A FIRE STATION OR  
21 SUBSTATION AND IS OWNED BY A VOLUNTEER FIRE OR AMBULANCE COMPANY;

22 (2) PROPERTY THAT IS THE SITE OF A FIRE STATION OR  
23 SUBSTATION AND IS LEASED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BY A VOLUNTEER  
24 FIRE OR AMBULANCE COMPANY; AND

25 (3) PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED AS A SITE OF A  
26 FUTURE FIRE STATION OR SUBSTATION BY THE HARFORD COUNTY FIRE AND  
27 AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION AND IS OWNED BY A VOLUNTEER FIRE OR AMBULANCE

1 COMPANY.

2 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, That this Act ~~is declared~~  
3 ~~to be an emergency measure and necessary to relieve certain~~  
4 ~~volunteer fire companies from impending financial burdens, and~~  
5 ~~shall take effect on~~ shall take effect 60 calendar days from the  
6 date it becomes law.

7 EFFECTIVE: April 27, 1992

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BY THE COUNCIL

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Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 92-6 (February 18, 1992)

Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

Doris Paulsen, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for her approval this 19th day of February, 1992 at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Doris Paulsen, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

Eileen M. Redmann  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Date February 27, 1992

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, (No. 92-1 As Amended), having been approved by the County Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on February 27, 1992.

Doris Paulsen Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 27, 1992

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